



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, we, as members of this great nation, are able to enjoy freedoms granted to us by our founding fathers through documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, the "father of the Constitution," influenced the abolishing of the Articles of Confederation and helped create the strong form of government that we know today; and

WHEREAS, through James Madison's inspiration, generations later we are still enjoying blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, James Madison gave his time to our country serving in different capacities such as in the U. S. House of Representatives, as Secretary of State of the U.S., and as President; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we set aside a day to remind us of our freedoms and to honor our founding fathers. Appropriately this day will coincide with the 255th anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2006, to be

LIBERTY DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a faint watermark that reads "Dirk Kempthorne Copy".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a faint watermark that reads "Ben Ysursa Copy".

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE